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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
 Our Ref: 225/49427

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Erik KRIMM and Michael SIEMERS

entitled: **GEAR SHIFT MECHANISM GATE PLATE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD
 FOR PRODUCING SAME**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 32 claims (1-24 pages).
2. 1 Sheet of X Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-5.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted).
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 199 57 776.5, filed in Germany on December 1, 1999.
5. Information Disclosure Statement including PTO-1449 Form w/2 references.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee			\$355/710 =	\$710.00
Total Claims	<u>32</u>	- 20 = <u>12</u>	x \$ 9/18 =	\$216.00
Independent Claims	<u>4</u>	- 3 = <u>1</u>	x \$40/80 =	\$ 80.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$135/270 =	\$
Total Filing Fee				<u>\$1006.00</u>

The filing fee is being deferred.

Respectfully submitted,

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